

Wingham, March 30, 1839.

My dear Miss Weston, Your kind letter by Miss B. is below stairs, and I really have forgotten, if I ever knew, whether you directed it to Mrs. L. or me; but no matter, we are both one. By the way, where is that letter that was to be forthcoming the day after the date of your last? It has not yet made its appearance. We were very glad to hear from you, especially after the meeting. The only information we have had of it, except from the Liberator of this week, is from you and Mr. L. I should think, from your accounts, that it must have been a very exciting and a very interesting time. I am glad that it terminated so favorably for the Mass. Board.

Sunday afternoon, I did not expect to finish my letter last night when I began it. So I will finish it now. We have had Dr. Follen to preach to-day, and every body has been pleased. And as good abolition sermons as I wish to hear. Indeed, they were first rate. True, he did not dwell on abolition specifically, but his morning sermon particularly embraced the whole ground, & no one at all interested in the subject could avoid making the application. I wish we could

get him to spend the summer with us. Our
good stiff-necked people might, perhaps, be-
come more pliable. — You alluded to
the H. Resolutions. They ought to have been
put into the paper, as having ^{been} passed at
a convention of the two societies in this place.
As it is, the Fennell Society is not recognised,
which is not exactly as it ought to be. But, Miss
W. what is the real cause of all the trouble
between the Am. and the Mass. Society?
Are Birney, Stanton, Tappan, (St. Clair, I never
liked at all, nor Stanton either very much,
and Tappan I never saw,) are they, I say, trai-
tors? Are they influenced by personal am-
bition or sectarian prejudice? I am not,
you know, behind the screen and know
but little of the pulleys and strings and other
machinery, by which large associations are
put into action and managed, except as
I learn them from general principles &
history; but it is my opinion that both these
~~causes~~ ^{causes} of disturbance exist and have existed
for a long time. I think ^{however} that sectarian prej-
udice is the principal cause. Orthodox hates
the Unitarian, and Unitarian despises, or tries to,
the Orthodox. Is this it? or is it, that Garrison and
a few others like him do not pay sufficient
homage to the ~~deeds~~ ^{gown} and bands? Ah, there's
the rub, after all. But, if the signs of the times do
not deceive us, I think we must be clothed

with some more effectual panoply than in
black gown and white bands, if we wish to
be arrow-proof and fire-proof in the pres-
ent campaign of truth against terror. But I
will indulge no more in this common place
prating. It is like holding up a rush light to en-
lighten the noonday sun. On the subject of
Abolition, - the movements especially, - I must
be the recipient and you the giver, and I can
assure you I shall always receive gratefully.

Mrs. S. does not write because she is so
much occupied in hard work. We have
six boarders, and no body to do the work
but Mrs. S. and M. We expect a woman,
however, in two weeks, and then Mrs. S.
hopes to be more at leisure.

Mrs. S. & I are going to take tea with Miss
S. D. Thaxter. We feel very much honored, as
we are called upon to honor Dr. Follen,
who is to ^{be} the invited guest. We anticipate
a pleasant time.

Are you not coming down to see
us before long? Wish you would. Mrs. S. &
Maria send their love and wish to be
remembered also to your sisters. Give
my regards to them also, and believe me
as ever, your friend,

Increase S. Smith.
Miss Caroline Weston.

Miss Caroline Weston,
Roxbury,
Mass.
Politeness of
Miss Mary Bowles.

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Mrs. J. Smith